

REMARKS

This submission is directed to Office Correspondence of mail date 07/18/2006.

Status of Claims

Summarizing the state of the claims herein, claims 1 - 26 and 31-48 are canceled without prejudice; claims 27-30 are allowed.

Petition under 37 CFR 1.84(b)(2) re Photographs

The Office states photographs previously submitted will be accepted pending satisfaction of 37 CFR 1.84.(b)(2), citing omission of the petition and fee. Applicant notes it submitted the required petition, Sec. 1.17(i) fee, and three (3) sets of color drawings with the original application, and subsequently amended the specification to contain the required language. A copy of the petition and related fee submission are attached. Applicant believes all requirements under 37CFR1.84(b)(2)to have been satisfied, and respectfully requests the Office to grant the petition and enter the drawings accordingly. Please contact the undersigned by telephone if there remains any unintentional defect in the application in this regard.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Applicant has herein canceled the rejected claims without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant greatfully acknowledges allowance of claims 27-30, and requests the Notice of Allowance be issued forewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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